



Tennessee Crop Weather

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FIELD CROPS HARVEST SLOWED

At times, active field crop harvest, which still lags behind last year, was slowed due to scattered showers. However, these same showers helped green up otherwise dry pastures. For the portions of crops that have been harvested, producers are reporting above average yields. Activities last week included preparation for wheat seedings. There were 5.5 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture levels were rated 19 percent short, 76 percent adequate and 5 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were rated 18 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2012	Five Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					Percent					
Corn - Mature	89	77	99	95	Corn	0	1	12	44	43
Corn for Grain - Harvested	48	39	91	70	Cotton	2	6	24	51	17
Corn Silage - Harvested	95	90	100	98	Pasture	1	4	28	56	11
Cotton - Bolls Opening	36	26	91	83	Soybeans	0	4	16	46	34
Cotton - Defoliated	18	12	71	57	Tobacco	2	8	26	44	20
Cotton – Harvested	4	2	18	14						
Soybeans – Dropping Leaves	38	26	71	69						
Soybeans - Harvested	9	3	16	16						
Burley Tobacco - Harvested	78	70	81	80						
Dark Air Cured - Harvested	86	76	87	94						
Dark Fire Cured - Harvested	80	70	79	85						

County Agent Comments

Corn harvest has begun in Lauderdale County and a few acres of beans have been harvested. Good yields being reported on both. Cotton is opening with no reports of harvest. Cattle and pastures are in good condition. **J C DuPree, Jr, Lauderdale County**

The farmers in Fayette County had rain the end of last week and some the beginning of the week. The moisture was needed but kept many out of the field until Thursday and Friday. They then got back to harvesting beans, corn and milo. Some defoliation took place but the bulk will start in 1-2 weeks. Yields have been very good so far. **Jeffery Via, Fayette County**

Been a busy week in the field. Corn harvest is at full operation, a few soybeans are being harvested and cotton defoliation is starting. Corn yields are pretty good and soybeans yield are good to great. We will just have to wait to see about the cotton. Cotton planted in May looks to be the best and the June planted cotton looks pretty poor due to all the vegetative growth. **Jake Mallard, Madison County**

Corn harvest has been start-and-stop this week with scattered rainfall occurring mid-week. Producers are reporting good to above average yields. Early maturing soybeans that have been harvested are yielding in the mid-50 to mid-60 bushel range. Producers are getting prepared for wheat seeding which should start in the next two weeks. **Jeff Lannom, Weakley County**

Giles County got almost 2 inches of rain which halted corn and soybean harvest a couple of day this week. Rain has helped green pastures that were getting very dry. Corn yields are above average this year with higher ground yielding more than some river and creek bottoms. **Kevin Rose, Giles County**

Harvesting is coming along well. We got two inches of much needed rain last weekend. **Larry Moorehead, Moore County**

Fall hay harvest continues during this period of opportunity. Corn harvest is progressing and producers are pleased with yield. Late soybeans could use some rain. **Ruth Correll, Wilson County**

This week started with much needed rain! Widespread showers last Saturday and mid week produced from 2.5 to as much as 4.0 inches of rain with most areas reporting around 3.0 inches. Rain and soybeans have slowed corn harvest, with about 60% of the crop harvested yields continue to around the 200 bushel mark. A few beans were harvested, rain slowed intentions, with 15% of the crop out yield reports are consistently running between 60 to 70 bushels per acre. **Ed Burns, Franklin County**

The week saw much needed rain with 2.0 to 4.0 inches, with most areas reporting 3.0 to 3,5 inches. Corn harvest continues between showers with a few beans being harvested. Yields are good to excellent. **Ed Burns, Marion County**

Light rains on Wed and Thur. have helped pastures add some growth. **Scott Chadwell, Putnam County**

We received nearly 4 inches of rain this week. Corn harvest is going full blast in dryer soils. Beans are getting close to harvest. Most hay harvest is complete. Pond and creek levels are full again. **John Goddard, Loudon County**

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION
For week ending: September 29, 2013 (with comparisons)

LOCATION	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION					
	Week Ending September 29, 2013				Current Week 09/29/13	Rain Days	Current Since January 1	Departure From Normal January 1	Current Since April 1	Departure From Normal April 1
	HI	LO	AVG	DFN						
West										
Ames_Plantation	87	53	71	4	0.08	2.00	45.25	6.11	26.40	1.03
Brownsville_TN	86	53	70	2	0.10	1.00	48.77	9.70	32.12	6.85
Covington	83	51	69	2	0.29	1.00	51.06	12.75	34.61	9.98
Dyersburg	84	54	71	2	0.07	1.00	47.82	10.54	33.03	8.57
Huntingdon_Wate	84	50	68	2	0.09	1.00	59.35	19.68	40.04	14.13
Jackson_Exp_Stn	86	49	69	2	0.02	1.00	52.03	13.16	34.20	8.61
Lexington_TN	83	51	68	-1	0.00	0.00	51.44	13.62	33.84	9.21
Martin	83	51	69	3	0.75	3.00	57.32	18.00	41.32	15.24
Memphis_AG	86	55	72	2	0.13	2.00	52.66	14.51	34.43	9.77
Milan	84	50	68	2	0.12	2.00	56.77	16.14	39.83	12.82
Paris	81	49	67	2	1.40	2.00	55.56	16.52	39.30	13.77
Savannah_6SW	86	51	69	-1	0.03	1.00	45.69	3.57	29.62	2.96
Selmer	85	51	68	2	0.03	1.00	41.14	-0.26	22.84	-3.32
Union_City	83	48	68	2	0.36	2.00	46.01	7.71	32.23	7.11
Middle										
Clarksville_Sew	85	51	69	3	0.61	2.00	46.76	9.09	30.21	6.19
Cookeville	81	49	65	-1	0.70	2.00	53.81	10.86	39.37	11.45
Crossville_AP	77	50	65	3	0.59	2.00	49.62	7.73	34.63	7.76
Dickson_AG	82	48	66	-1	0.65	2.00	47.16	6.80	31.04	4.69
Dover_1W	82	50	67	2	0.82	1.00	59.39	20.18	41.11	15.80
Fayetteville_TN	83	48	68	3	0.38	2.00	52.99	12.88	36.75	11.92
Jamestown	77	48	63	-1	0.19	2.00	48.80	7.15	33.74	5.93
Kingston_Spring	85	49	68	3	0.41	2.00	40.89	2.14	27.16	2.38
Lewisburg	85	45	65	-1	0.15	1.00	44.31	3.45	30.44	4.16
Livingston_WLIV	81	49	65	0	0.24	1.00	49.21	9.28	32.89	6.48
Lobelville	83	48	67	2	0.50	1.00	48.24	6.96	30.01	3.72
Murfreesboro_5N	84	46	65	-2	1.16	5.00	46.99	6.77	31.96	5.52
Nashville_Metro	83	52	69	1	0.52	1.00	42.06	6.21	28.18	4.57
Oneida	79	49	65	3	0.33	2.00	46.75	5.31	32.29	4.72
Portland_TN	82	49	66	1	0.23	1.00	46.64	7.99	32.31	6.96
Pulaski_Water_P	82	47	66	-4	0.46	2.00	49.60	8.50	32.35	6.64
Shelbyville	83	52	67	-1	0.24	3.00	49.95	8.90	36.13	9.96
Sparta_TN	82	47	65	0	0.96	2.00	47.46	6.03	32.00	5.14
Springfield	82	50	67	2	0.15	2.00	54.04	16.89	39.81	15.53
Springhill	83	50	67	1	0.58	2.00	41.07	0.24	26.95	0.73
Tullahoma	81	51	68	1	0.24	2.00	53.19	11.01	39.27	13.06
Waynesboro_TN	83	47	67	2	0.28	1.00	44.48	1.66	28.20	1.15
East										
Chattanooga/Lov	82	57	69	1	0.29	2.00	56.39	16.05	38.36	13.75
Cleveland_6NNE	78	53	66	-1	0.75	2.00	50.73	9.47	33.43	7.73
Dayton	80	53	66	-2	0.99	2.00	57.78	15.55	41.05	14.84
Erwin_1W	76	49	62	-1	0.45	2.00	44.46	6.24	29.71	3.00
Gatlinburg_2SW	74	47	61	-3	1.35	4.00	60.41	16.35	39.10	8.98
Greeneville	81	47	63	-2	0.31	2.00	50.02	16.68	33.19	10.54
Kingston_AG	81	52	67	3	0.72	2.00	50.72	6.77	33.36	5.49
Knoxville_AP	80	53	68	2	0.48	2.00	55.24	19.33	34.86	12.27
Newcomb	78	49	65	3	0.13	2.00	47.45	6.01	32.03	4.46
Norris_4NE	78	49	65	-1	0.22	2.00	51.29	11.29	34.21	8.10
Tri-City_RGNL_A	79	46	64	-2	0.20	2.00	46.75	15.05	30.55	9.22

DFN = Departure from Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period). Rain Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more during the week. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) measured in inches.

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